Orissa as grants-in-aid to meet the expenditure on the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees as per the norms fixed for relief by Government of India.

Posting of Telecom Officials in Kashmir

1549. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of telecommunications officials posted in Kashmir, who had become marked men there and had been stationed in Delhi have been coerced to go back to Kashmir ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for their safety; if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, 190 Telecom. officials who had migrated out of Kashmir Valley and were camping in Delhi were temporarily accommodated in other places in the country as requested by them. The Telecom. Department had no information if any of them were marked persons.

As per the latest decision of the Government all such officials are required to report back to their posts in Kashmir Valley and orders accordingly have been issued by the Department on 7-5-1990.

The orders have been issued purely as an administrative measure. There is no element of coercion in it.

(c) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken for the safety of Telecom. staff working in Kashmir Valley :

—All major Telecom. installations are being guarded.

—Arrangements have been made for the Telecom. staff who wanted to be lodged in secure places.

—Transport with guard is being provided for reaching the place of work wherever necessary.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (c) above.

Banning of Anand Marg

1550. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to ban Anand Marg ; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of passenger amenities centres on national highways

1551. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of sites which have been earmarked for setting up of 'passenger amenities' on National Highways in the country State-wise/Union Territory-wise;